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WNINTEL RYBAT C 7

SUBJECT: C 7 COMMENTS ON RESPONSE TO BARBIE CIA ACTIVITY
ALLEGATIONS

1. ON 16 FEBRUARY, STATION OFFICER ASKED C 7
RHETORICAL QUESTION TO GET HIS VIEWS ON BEST WAY TO RESPOND TO
"LE MONDE" AND "L'HUMANITE" CHARGES THAT BARBIE WORKED FOR
AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE AND THE CIA. IN RESPONSE, C 7 SAID
THAT IF BARBIE HAD ACTUALLY WORKED FOR MILITARY INTELLIGENCE
FOLLOWING WWII, THEN THE BEST APPROACH FOR FRENCH PUBLIC OPINION
IS TO HAVE THE PENTAGON STATE BARBIE DID WORK DURING A CERTAIN
PERIOD AS AN INFORMANT IDENTIFYING GESTAPO PERSONNEL AND
COLLABORATORS. HE SAID FURTHER THAT IF IT WERE APPROPRIATE,
THE PENTAGON'S STATEMENT SHOULD NOTE THAT INFORMATION OBTAINED
FROM BARBIE WAS PASSED TO FRENCH OFFICIALS FOR THEIR ACTION.
HE ADDED THAT THE STATEMENT SHOULD PUT TO REST QUICKLY ATTEMPTS
BY ANY FRENCH JOURNALIST TO CLAIM THAT BARBIE WAS PUT TO WORK
IN HOPES OF PICKING HIS BRAIN FOR INFORMATION ON THE SOVIETS.
THE EMPHASIS, HE SAID, SHOULD BE ON THE FACT THAT HE HAD
UNIQUE INFORMATION WHICH RESULTED IN THE APPREHENSION OF WAR
CRIMINALS WHO MIGHT NOT HAVE OTHERWISE BEEN CAUGHT, THUS IT WAS
A CLEAR-CUT EXAMPLE OF USING A THIEF TO CATCH OTHER THIEVES.
ON ALLEGED CIA COLLABORATION, A CHARGE WHICH HE SAID THE
SOVIETS WILL TRY TO PROMOTE VICIOUSLY BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN
HURT RECENTLY BY REVELATIONS ABOUT THEIR ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES
AND THEIR SUPPORT OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS, HE SAID A FLAT
DENIAL SHOULD BE ISSUED WHICH POINTS OUT THAT NO ONE HAD ANY
USE FOR BARBIE AFTER HE HAD SERVED THE PURPOSE OF SELLING OUT
HIS FELLOW GESTAPO MEMBERS AND COLLABORATORS.

2. WE REALIZE THAT IT IS NOT OUR MANDATE TO ADVISE HQS

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ON SUCH CONTENTIOUS AND CONVOLUTED MATTERS AS THE PROPER
RESPONSE FOR THE ACCUSATIONS OF OUR INVOLVEMENT WITH BARBIE,
BUT THOUGHT THAT [] COMMENTS MIGHT BE INTERESTING
AND USEFUL IN VIEW OF HIS LONG ASSOCIATION IN THE MEDIA FIELD.

3. EMBASSY HAS JUST SENT AN URGENT REQUEST TO THE DEPART-
MENT (IMMEDIATE PRECEDENCE) SEEKING GUIDANCE. REFERENCE NUMBER
NOT YET AVAILABLE BUT WILL SUPPLY WHEN KNOWN. WE ASSUME THEY
WILL SOON BE IN CONTACT WITH HQS ON THE SUBJECT OF HQ4 TO
RESPOND TO ALLEGATIONS OF BOTH USG AND MORE SPECIFICALLY CIA
INVOLVEMENT WITH BARBIE.

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